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rencies, and my transactions since my arrivall here, I should now forbear to give your Ldps any further trouble at this time, did not the apprehension of some malicious misrepresentation of me by M^r Randall their Majesties Surveyor in these parts incite me thereunto, not soe much to sett forth (in its pure, natural, naked colour) the exorbitant and malignant temper of the Informer, as to vindicate and defend my selfe from his base and ignominious aspersions, he hath been pleased to caste upon me and indeed the whole Government here, which the rancour and heate of his spirit cannot prevent him from discovering even to the most mean and inconsiderate capacities notwithstanding (for the character he bears) I have proved my selfe more than ordinarily kind and obliging to him, to the admiration of all persons here, that ever have had the misfortune of his company or acquaintance, He is one (I must be bold to inform your Ldps) that scornes to be particular but generall altogether in his base reflections and scurrilous haughty behaviour and deportment under the specious pretence of his zeale for their Majesties service, though at the same time the greatest impediment imaginable in the effect, and pleases himselfe more with satiateing his revengeful humour and private animosities against their Maj^{ties} subjects then effecting anything for their Maj^{ties} interest as he hath sufficiently demonstrated in the late seizure and bringing two or three shippes here, barely upon the account (as himselfe hath and doth frequently declare against all of the place and Nation in generall) of being New England rogues and doggs and pitifull damned Scotch Pedlars, and at last when he had had all the favour and countenance aid and assistance possible shewn him, he has not stuck to vilifie and abuse the Jurors onely (persons of the best fame and repute these parts afford) by calling them base, perjured and foresworne rogues, threatening them with the pillory and loss of their ears &c. but also in publick aspersed, bespattered and affronted the Justices themselves, persons appointed by their Majesties to assist me in the Government with their Councill and advice (although basely by him said to be picked and packed by me, as were the Assembly of this Province to make such Laws as my inclinations or own private interest should dictate to them, which how farr their Majesties Honour and the interest of the Crown have had the preeminence and almost only prospect the Laws themselves will declare in contradiction to his damnable suggestions. By such meanes their Maj^{tye} interest extremely suffers, and matters of the greatest weight, candour and truth under his management are become of little credit and repute and he himselfe so remarkable and notoriously turbulent even to the Inhabitants here of both publick and